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WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES IN INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCHEME
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the wages being provided to the various categories of workers and employees working in the projects under Integrated Child Development Scheme;

(b) whether the said wages are in conformity with minimum wages laid down by the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the action proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(e) the details of man-hours fixed for various categories of workers and employees working in the said projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR & (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) According to Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Women and Child Development), the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented through State Governments/UT Administrations.There is no provision in the Scheme to engage labourers. The Staff working under ICDS Projects are employees of State Governments/UT Administrations, except the Anganwadi Workers and Helpers who are voluntary workers. The regular Staff get remuneration as per the Rules of respective States/UTs. Anganwadi Workers and Helpers are paid honorarium as indicated at Annexure-I.

(b) to (d): Under the provisions of Minimum Wages Act, 1948, both Central and the State Governments are the appropriate Government to fix, revise and enforce minimum wages of the workers in the scheduled employments under their respective jurisdictions. The ICDS Scheme is not a scheduled employment under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 either in the Central or the State sphere.

(e) Anganwadi Workers and Helpers work for 4-5 hours a day. However, working hours in different States/UTs are indicated in Annexure-II. Regular employees are subject to working hours prevailing in respective States/UTs.